

wherein

R_{6a} is

1) a group selected from among a carboxyl group, a lower alkylcarbonyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, and a lower alkoxy carbonylalkylcarbonyl group;

2) a group selected from among an optionally mono- or di-lower alkyl substituted carbamoyl group, a lower alkoxy carbamoyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonylalkylcarbamoyl group, a pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl group, a morpholinocarbonyl group, a piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl group which may be substituted by a methyl group or a hydroxyl group in 4-position, an N-phenylcarbamoyl group or a group selected from among the groups represented by the formulae $-CONH(CH_2)_pS(O)_qR_{10}$ and $-CONH(CH_2)_rNR_{11}R_{12}$ (wherein R_{10} , R_{11} , and R_{12} are independently a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a phenyl group, or a lower alkylphenyl group; p is an integer of 0-4, q is an integer of 0-2, and r is an integer of 1-4), or

3) a lower alkyl group optionally substituted by R_{15} ; R_{15} is a carboxyl group, a lower alkoxy carbonyl group, a hydroxyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an amino group, a

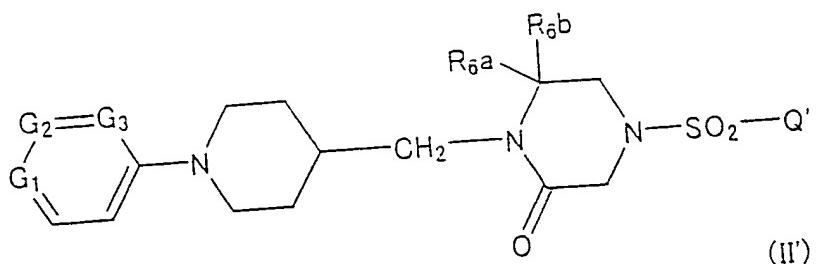
mono- or di-substituted lower alkylamino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, a lower alkylsulfonylamino group, a cyclic amino group optionally substituted by a lower alkyl group or a hydroxyl group and being a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidinyl group, a morpholino group, or a piperazinyl group, or an N-hydroxyimino group; and

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Q' is an aryl group or an aryl lower alkenylene group, whose aryl ring is in the form of a monocyclic or fused hydrocarbon ring having 6-14 carbon atoms and is optionally substituted by a group having any 1-4 halogen atoms,

or a salt thereof.

19. (Amended) A compound represented by the following general formula (II') or a salt thereof:



(wherein G_1 , G_2 , and G_3 are independently CH or N, provided that one or two of them is N;

one of R_{6a} and R_{6b} is a hydrogen atom and the other is

1) a group selected from among a carboxyl group, a lower alkylcarbonyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, and a lower alkoxycarbonylalkylcarbonyl group;

2) a group selected from among an optionally mono- or di-lower alkyl substituted carbamoyl group, a lower alkoxycarbamoyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylalkylcarbamoyl group, a pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl group, a morpholinocarbonyl group, a piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl group which may be substituted by a methyl group or a hydroxyl group in 4-position, an N-phenylcarbamoyl group or a group selected from among the groups represented by the formulae $-\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{S}(0)_q\text{R}_{10}$ and $-\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}_{11}\text{R}_{12}$ (wherein R_{10} , R_{11} , and R_{12} are independently a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a phenyl group, or a lower alkylphenyl group; p is an integer of 0-4, q is an integer of 0-2, and r is an integer of 1-4), or

3) a lower alkyl group optionally substituted by R_{15} ; R_{15} is a carboxyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonyl group, a hydroxyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an amino group, a mono- or di-substituted lower alkylamino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, a lower alkylsulfonylamino group, a cyclic amino group optionally substituted by a lower alkyl group or a hydroxyl group and being a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidinyl group, a morpholino group, or a piperazinyl group, or an N-hydroxyimino group;

or R_{6a} and R_{6b} are both the same lower alkyl group;

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